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MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY LOOKING FOR HERITAGE HEROES

The Montana Historical Society Trustees are accepting nominations statewide for their second annual Montana Heritage Keepers Awards.

The awards honor individuals, families, organizations, educators, historians and others whose efforts have had a significant impact on generating interest in and the preservation of Montana history and heritage.

Two awards are given annually one for eastern Montana and one for western Montana with the dividing line through Lewistown. The award carries a \$500 stipend to be used for Montana history and heritage projects of the winners' choice within their geographic area.

The nominees must be Montanans who have demonstrated commitment to a significant Montana history goal that goes beyond the confines of making a livelihood for themselves.

Nominations must be received no later than April 1 and include narrative and examples of the work the nominee has done including such things as newspaper articles, letters of support from the community and awards. Nominations from previous years will be considered, but the nominations can be rewritten and resubmitted if desired.

Nominations forms and information are available on the Society's website, www.montanahistoricalsociety.org. They can be sent to Heritage Keepers Awards Chair,

Montana Historical Society, PO Box 201201, Helena MT 59620-1201, email to rpodell@mt.gov, or fax to 406-444-2696.

The awards are presented at the Montana History Conference to be held this year in Helena Sept. 30, Oct. 1 and 2. Last year's award winners were eastern Montana rancher Wally McRae and Eureka museum founder, historian and preservationist Cathryn Schroeder.